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The Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO) is submitting this public comment relating to the SBCC proposed changes for the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) member positions.

Reviewing the proposed TAG changes, WABO does support modifications to the group make up, however, WABO does not support combining the Building Official and Cities/Counties position on any TAG. WABO would like to propose some options that would allow the continued separate positions for Building Officials and Cities/Counties.

Building Code TAG options:

- Combine Construction Trades with Contractor/Developer.
- Combine Fire Official with Fire Protection.
- Combine Fire protection with Codes Consultant.

Fire Code TAG options:

- Combine Structural Engineer with Architect.
- Combine Fire Protection with Fire Sprinkler.

Residential/WIU TAG options:

- Combine Code Consultant with Architect
- Combine Landscape Architect with Land Conservation
- Combine Fish and Wildlife with Wildlife Biologist
- Remove Fire Protection Engineer

Plumbing/Mechanical TAG:

- Combine Mechanical Engineer with Mechanical Contractor
- Remove Educator.
- Remove Utilities

Thank you for the work the Building Code Council does and the opportunity to present our ideas for modifications.

Sincerely,

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